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TITLE OF INVENTION: SHALE-STABILIZING ADDITIVES

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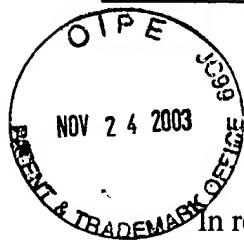
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- Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
- An original executed Supplemental Declaration;
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